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SUBJECT: FINANCE MINISTER BEDIE RECEIVES PROFESSOR ROBERT TRIFFIN

1. DR. ROBERT TRIFFIN, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS FROM YALE UNIVERSITY AND WORLD-RENOWNED EXPERT ON INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AFFAIRS, WOULD UP HIS WEEK AS CU STAG LECTURER BY APPOINTMENT WITH IVORY COAST FINANCE MINISTER BEDIE ON JULY 25. AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED.

2. TRIFFIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE COURTESIES ACCORDED HIM AND THE EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BANKERS AT MEETINGS HE HAD ADDRESSED. HE ALSO PROCLAIMED HIS ADMIRATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STABILITY OF IVORY COAST.

3. BEDIE TOOK OCCASION TO STRESS IVORY COAST'S NO. 1 ECONOMIC PRIORITY: RAW MATERIAL PRICES.

4. TURNING TO PETROLEUM PRICE SITUATION, TRIFFIN EXPRESSED VIEW (WHICH HE HAD EXPRESSED IN CONFERENCES AS WELL) THAT THE

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ARAB STATES HAD MADE GOOD USE OF THEIR PETROLEUM EARNINGS

BY LENDING 5 TO 7 PERCENT OF THEIR GNP TO OTHER LDC'S.
BEDIE COUNTERED BY NOTING THAT THIS MONEY HAD GONE MAINLY TO
OTHER MUSLIM COUNTRIES AND PREIMARILY FOR MILITARY OBJECTIVES.
HE DID NOTE THAT THE ARAB OIL PRODUCERS WERE SLOWLY MOVING
TOWARD OTHER USES AND OTHER COUNTRIES AS RECIPIENTS OF THEIR
LOANS. BEDIE ADDED THAT THE SHOCK OF THE PETROLEUM PRICE
INCREASE EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO WAS TOO GREAT. HE BELIEVES
THE ARABS ARE SLOWLY REALIZING THIS AND ARE NOW BEGINNING TO
BE MORE REASONABLE.

5. IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT BEDIE IS LEAVING FOR IRAN
FOR A WEEK OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOI ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN IRAN AND IVORY COAST.
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